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Food and Drug Administration  
Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: *Grant Petition 98P-0151/CP1*

To the FDA:

I am writing to urge you to grant Petition 98P-0151/CP1 to protect animals in America's slaughterhouses.

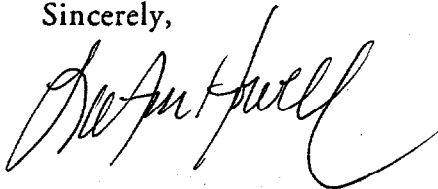
Reasons for my request include the following:

- It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause severe injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.
- Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be put in the human food chain.
- In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease).
- Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.
- Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to the industry to prevent the cruelty that causes animals to be injured.

\* For more information, please visit [www.farmsanctuary.org](http://www.farmsanctuary.org).

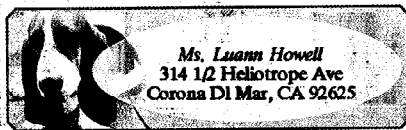
I look forward to hearing that this petition has been granted.

Sincerely,



P.S. Thank you for your consideration  
of this very important Petition.  
Compassion for all living beings is  
the only way. C4334

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